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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- ~~Sub (C1)~~ (Amended) A microencapsulated and enteric coated composition comprising:  
~~B3~~ (a) a mixture of with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the sorbents possess a gut clearance rate for urea of at least 5.6 ml/minute; and  
(b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

The Examiner has stated that the request filed on May 18, 2001 for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on the parent application 09/557,011 has been established. The Examiner further states that the Amendment filed on April 13, 2001 was not initially entered because the new limitation would require further consideration on the merits.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Yatzidis et al. (1979) in view of Prakash et al. (1995) and further in view of Goldenhersh et al. (1976).

The Examiner suggests that because all of the instantly claimed ingredients were known in the art for treating uremia separately, one of ordinary skill in the art would have had a reasonable expectation that the combination of the ingredients would have provided an additive effect on the ailment of uremia.